AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.   (currently amended):   A method of managing a telecommunication network including:

- receiving connection requests, said connections being determined on the basis of parameters contained in said requests and including time parameters,

- verifying the possibility of setting up the connections in accordance with said parameters, on the basis of a database in which all connections are stored, and

- updating said database if setting up said connection is possible,⁻

wherein the step of receiving connection requests, the step of verifying the possibility of setting up the connections, and the step of updating said database are performed by a scheduler program which spans a services management layer and a network management layer.

2.   (original):   The network management method claimed in claim 1 wherein said time parameters correspond to series of time intervals having a periodic character.

3.   (original):   The network management method claimed in claim 2 wherein said

time parameters take the form of a duration of uses/reservations repeated daily and/or weekly

and/or monthly and/or annually.

4.   (original):   The network management method claimed in claim 1 wherein said

time parameters correspond to series of time intervals having an aperiodic character.

5.   (original):   The network management method claimed in claim 4 wherein said

time parameters include data corresponding to an absolute time and a finite or indefinite

duration.

6.   (original):   The network management method claimed in claim 1 wherein the

updating of available connections in said database allows for said time parameters.

7.   (currently amended): A telecommunications network management unit including:

- means for receiving connection requests, said connections being determined on the

basis of parameters contained in said requests and including time parameters,

- means for verifying the possibility of setting up the connections in accordance with said parameters, on the basis of a database in which all calls are stored,

- means for updating said database accordingly, and

- means for reserving connections allowing for time parameters,

wherein the means for receiving connection requests spans a services management layer and a network management layer.

8. (original): The network management unit claimed in claim 7 including means for updating connections in said network according to the content of said database, which contains reservations allowing for time parameters.